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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

GREEKS TO HOLD LOCAL CANNED FOOD DRIVE

CHARLESTON, IL--Eastern Illinois University's Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity and Delta Zeta sorority are holding a canned food drive this week that will benefit the Charleston Food Pantry.

Fraternity and sorority members will be distributing bags and information for canned food donations to the homes of Charleston residents beginning Thursday. The bags will be picked up between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Saturday.

The local fraternity is joining more than 200 Lambda Chi Alpha fraternities nationwide, making it one of the largest philanthropic events in the country.

"We have asked the Delta Zeta sorority to join our efforts so that we can obtain as many donations as possible. We hope to collect 2,000 pounds of canned food," said Sean Gilliam, vice president of EIU's Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity.

During the past year almost 2,000 families in eastern Coles County were served by the Charleston Food Pantry, a 12 percent increase over last year.